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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

U.S. Patent No.	Issue Date	Patentee
3,716,132	02/1973	LEWYCKYJ
4,946,086	08/1990	SUURONEN ET AL.
4,785,696	11/1988	MARTINY
6,033,353	03/2000	LENCOSKI ET AL.

Foreign Patent Documents

Document Number	Date	Country
EP 1 010 503 A2	06/2000	EP

OTHER DOCUMENTS

1. International Search Report for PCT/02/20720, mailed on September 23, 2002.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(3)(i), Applicants have submitted herewith a copy of the International Search Report for PCT/US02/20720, which corresponds to U.S. Application 10/034,994 filed December 28, 2001, for the purpose of providing a concise explanation of EP 1 010 503 A2, which is not in English.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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